

Which was read, and Senate bill No. 60 ordered to be enrolled, and Assembly bill No. 194 placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. McGuire, the Senate adjourned.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

James Burt, to be member of the Board of Education of the East Florida Seminary, vice Chadwick, declined.

John Owens, to be Collector of Revenue for Nassau county.

W. H. Hale and Henry Clark, to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Cedar Keys.

D. N. Coy, to be County Judge of Taylor county.

Thomas Osteen, to be Sheriff of Taylor county.

Wm. A. Hooker, to be State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, vice Robert Bullock, resigned.

Wm. M. Maxwell, to be Clerk, Nassau county.

#### FRIDAY, March 2, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Long, McCaskill, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McMeekin moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, March 2, 1877.

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR:—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have this day presented to his Excellency, George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the bills named below, which are correctly enrolled, signed, certified and endorsed:

An act to Incorporate the Sterling and Jacksonville Railroad Company.

An act to amend an act entitled and act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17th, 1874.

An act to Protect Settlers on the Public Lands.

An act to Provide for the Qualification of Executors, Administrators and Guardians.

An act to Define the Duties of Judges of the Circuit Court in charging juries.

An act for the Establishment of Records, Process, and other papers destroyed by the burning of any court-house, clerk's or sheriff's office, or other buildings of legal deposit.

An act in Relation to Sureties.

An act to Provide for the Settlement of Claims between the State of Florida and the United States.

An act to Confer Certain Privileges upon the St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company.

An act to Authorize the Enrollment of the officers and members of the Escambia Rifles in the militia of the State, and empower the Governor to issue to them arms of the State.

Concurrent Resolution relative to engraved Comptroller's warrants.

An act to Provide for a Uniform System of establishing and licensing ferries.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877.

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act to Protect Persons Living on or Improving Public Lands in this State, have had the same under consideration and find that the Senate has passed a similar bill and one that goes further, and more completely protects the settlers on the public lands; we therefore report the bill back for the action of the Senate.

Very respectfully submitted,

F. A. HENDRY, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Judiciary Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire as to the necessity and propriety of a codification of the laws, have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the resolution hereto attached, and recommend the adoption thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chairman.

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida, in Legislature assembled, That the Treasurer of the State of Florida be, and he is hereby made the custodian of the bonds belonging to the Agricultural College Fund now in his possession, and he is hereby instructed to retain the custody and control of said bonds until the next session of this Legislature;*

Which was read, and the accompanying resolution adopted. The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL:

*President of the Senate,*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 197:

To be entitled an act to regulate applications for remission of Fines and Forfeitures, commutation of Punishment and grant of Pardon;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to reduce the License Tax upon selling Malt Liquors;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 59:

To be entitled an act incorporating the Withlacoochee River Navigation Company; and

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Internal Improvement and Construction Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

Assembly bill No. 197:

To be entitled an act to regulate applications for Remission of Fines, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act to empower the County Commissioners to make provision for the employment of prisoners confined in the County Jail,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 194:

To be entitled an act to define the duties and powers of County Judges as Courts of Probate,

Was read the second time, and under a suspension of the rule the bill was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.  
Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham and Osgood—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to reduce the license upon selling Malt Liquors,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Senate bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act relative to the Burning of the Woods in this State,

Was read the second time, and, under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act to amend section 3 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was read the second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 29 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to provide for the organization of a Board of Health in and for the city of Jacksonville.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. McCaskill, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to reduce the license tax upon selling Malt Liquors,

Having considered the same, report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

Very respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL, Chairman.

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the report of the Committee was adopted, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 2, 1877 }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report that they have examined the following Assembly bills and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Assembly bill No. 78:

An act to establish a Ferry across the Apalachicola river at the town of Chattahoochee.

Assembly bill No. 216:

An act to incorporate the Orange Lake Railroad Company.

Assembly bill No. 144:

An act to construct a Canal from the headwaters of the Man-tanzas river to the headwaters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Assembly bill No. 119:

An act to authorize John Howard to establish a Ferry across the Chipola river in Calhoun county.

Assembly bill No. 186:

An act to prevent the wanton destruction of the nests, eggs and young of sea birds and birds of plume in this State.

Assembly bill No. 209:

An act for the relief of Hardy Bryan.

Assembly bill No. 191:

An act to provide for the employment of Persons convicted of Crime and sentenced to the State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts, and for other purposes.

Assembly bill No. 205:

An act to incorporate the Hillsborough County Fruit Growers and Agricultural Association.

Assembly bill No. 208:

An act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the Heir-at-Law of Henry J. Clifton.

Assembly bill No. 220:

An act to limit the charges of Physicians attending Coroner's Inquests.

Assembly bill No. 224:

An act to provide for the paying of the officers, guards, and for provisions for the months of November and December, 1875, and the year 1876.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 173:

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Jacksonville and South Florida Railway Company,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Walker and Walls—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—9.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to the title:

To be entitled an act to defraud and rob hundreds of the poor and landless people of this State out of a half million acres of public land.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following:

That the President appoint a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate to meet a like committee on the part of the Assembly upon the disagreement upon Assembly bill No. 193;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. McCaskill, Cottrell and Durkee appointed on said committee.

Assembly bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act to revise an act entitled an act to establish and maintain a State Prison, approved January 26, 1871,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act to empower the County Commissioners to make provision for the employment of Prisoners confined in the County Jail,

Beg leave to report that they have considered said bill, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill 97:

To be entitled an act to empower the County Commissioners to make provision for the employment of Persons confined in the County Jail,

Was read the second time, and, on motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Long, Osgood, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877.

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have compared the resolution and bills named below with the enrollment of the same, and find they are correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Concurrent Resolution relating to call of Convention to revise the Constitution.

An act to incorporate the Withlacoochie Navigation Company.

An act in relation to the Florida Agricultural College.

An act to incorporate the Florida Internal Improvement and Construction Company.

An act to incorporate the Sanford Telegraph Company.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Comptroller made the following report:

*To the Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida:*

The Joint Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Comptroller respectfully report that they (with the assistance of Leroy D. Ball and W. R. Pettes, accountants,) have carefully performed that duty as regards the office of Treasurer, covering the entire term of the late incumbent, and have examined each and every entry upon

the books of the office, and satisfied themselves that the late Treasurer, Mr. Foster, has charged himself properly with the balances turned over to him by his predecessor, and with the receipts at the Treasury during his entire term, and has turned over to his successor all balances remaining, and has taken receipts therefor, which have been exhibited to us, and the committee have given to Mr. Foster a certificate to that effect under the provisions of Chapter 9, Section 4, Laws of Florida. Copy of said certificate is attached to and made a part of this report. They have also examined each and every voucher for the disbursements of the late Treasurer, and have satisfied themselves that all of said disbursements were made under authority of law.

The committee have reported a bill for the destruction of these vouchers, as well as other bonds and other securities now held in the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer, which bill also provides for a careful record of such destruction. The committee feel it their duty to say that they find the books of the Treasurer neatly and carefully kept, and are unable to suggest any improvement upon the present method of keeping the accounts.

We have also investigated the allegations made by Comptroller Cowgill, of the duplicate payments at the Treasury of Warrants, Treasurer's and Convention Certificates certified to have been cancelled and destroyed by the Joint Committee in February, 1872, and find his statements to be correct. Said duplicate payments were as follows:

Comptroller's Warrants.....	\$1,249.64
Treasurer's Certificates.....	1,318.89
Convention Certificates.....	290.00—\$2,858.53
Of the foregoing, Treasurer Conover paid second time.....	\$ 50.00
Comptroller Gamble exchanged for Bond,	100.00
Comptroller Cowgill exchanged for Bond,	257.00
Treasurer Foster paid second time.....	2,451.53—\$2,858.53

We have recommended the destruction of fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars (\$15,818) Engraved Comptroller's Warrants, received and cancelled at the State Treasury in 1872, and of eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-four cents (\$8,877.64) Comptroller's Warrants and Treasurer's Certificate received by the Treasurer during the first sixteen days of January, 1873.

We find that the original issue of Engraved Warrants by the Comptroller in

Exchange for Warrants, was.....	\$187,823.00
Turned over to the Treasurer by Comptroller.....	62,177.00—\$250,000.00

Certified by Joint Committee of the Legislature to have been cancelled and destroyed in Comptroller's office.....	\$ 19,862.00
Treasurer's office.....	101,319.00
Now in Treasurer's office (cancelled),	15,818.00
Now in Comptroller's office (cancelled).....	75,751.00—\$212,750.00
Making amount properly outstanding and not cancelled January 1st, 1877.....	\$37,250.00
There is now in the State Treasury uncanceled.....	\$57,639.00
There is now in the School and Seminary Fund.....	1,606.00— \$59,245.00

Amount now improperly outstanding \$21,995, and there is an additional amount not easily estimated, in private hands.

We find much improvement over former years in the present manner of keeping the books of the Comptroller's office, and have carefully examined and counted the bonds, warrants and certificates received in exchange for the new bonds, and have recommended the destruction of the same. We have examined, so far as the limited time would allow, the vouchers upon which the warrants were based, which comparison and examination of warrants and vouchers was only for the first three months of 1873, and in so far as we have been able to investigate, the disbursements appear to have been made under authority of law.

We attach hereto statements showing the outstanding floating indebtedness of the State February 1st, 1877, issued prior to January 1st, 1877, being \$45,762.01. Assuming that the \$39,087.00 of engraved Comptroller's warrants held by Comptroller Gamble were properly exchanged, there was outstanding February 1st, 1877, of Comptroller's warrants and Treasury certificates issued prior to January 1st, 1877, but \$6,675.01.

Also statement of all appropriations made during the years 1873-'4-'5 and '6, and of the amounts drawn against the same, which tabulated statements are on file in the office of Secretary of State.

We find by the records of the Comptroller's office that there are now one hundred thousand and six hundred (\$100,600.00) of the bonds of 1873 not yet disposed of.

*Copy of Certificate given to the Treasurer.*

The undersigned, G. C. Brantley, J. W. Howell, members of the Senate, and W. W. Walker, A. Floyd, E. J. Alex-

ander, members of the Assembly, constituting a Joint Committee of the Legislature of Florida, under Concurrent Resolution dated 9th of January, 1877, for the purpose of examining the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, do hereby certify that we have made a thorough examination of all the books, records and accounts of Charles H. Foster, late Treasurer of the State of Florida, during his term of office, commencing on the sixteenth (16th) day of January, 1873, and ending on the tenth (10th) day of January, 1877, the date of the qualification of his successor, and that we find as follows:

That all the funds, securities and other effects coming into his possession as such Treasurer, have been duly and properly entered, and that the disbursements have been properly made under the law and duly entered; that the bonds purchased for the Sinking Funds have been properly accounted for, and the interest accumulating on said bonds has been properly charged and invested, and the balances of the interest accounts, as stated and turned over to Walter Gwynn, Treasurer, as appears from his receipt to Treasurer Foster, are correct, as follows:

Balance to credit of the General Sinking Fund, interest account.....	\$376.60
Balance to the credit of the Special Sinking Fund, interest account.....	55.00
The following is a consolidated statement of the receipts and disbursements during his term of office:	
Total receipts as appears from the books of the Treasurer and Comptroller.....	\$1,737,452.80
Total disbursements—	
Comptroller's warrants and Treasurer's certificates paid and canceled.....	\$1,321,654.00
Interest on bonds of 1871, Coupons paid and canceled.....	110,586.00
Interest on bonds of 1873, including premium on gold, coupons paid and canceled.....	153,408.51
Invested in bonds of 1871 for the Special Sinking Fund.....	20,190.60
Invested in bonds of 1873 for the General Sinking Fund.....	47,063.00
Balance transferred to W. Gwynn, Treasurer, as appears from his receipts to late Treasurer Foster, \$24,396.80 in United States currency and \$558.89 in scrip, to the credit of General Sinking Fund...	\$24,955.69

Applicable to ordinary expenses, \$56,-  
 319.49 in State scrip and \$3,151.96  
 in United States currency..... 59,471.45  
 Balance transferred to W. Gwynn,  
 Treasurer, as appears from his re-  
 cepts to late Treasurer Foster, to  
 the credit of Special Sinking Fund, 123.51— 84,550.65  
 Total disbursement and balance..... \$1,737,452.80

We do further certify that we also have carefully examined the books and accounts of the School and Seminary Funds, including the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and that we find the following balances (which have been transferred to Walter Gwynn, State Treasurer, as appears by his receipts) to be correct:

Balance to credit of School Fund (principal uninvested), \$172.54 U. S. currency, \$48.91 scrip..... \$221.45  
 Balance to credit of School Fund interest (scrip).... 394.74  
 Balance to credit of School Fund interest (U. S. currency)..... 144.46  
 Balance to credit of Seminary Fund principal uninvested (scrip)..... 481.74  
 Balance to credit Seminary Fund interest (scrip).... 681.37½  
 Balance to credit of School Fund interest (U. S. currency)..... 3,103.87

We do further certify that we have examined the several bond accounts, and find the amount of bond which have been transferred to Walter Gwynn, State Treasurer, as (appears by his receipts to Mr. Foster,) to be correct, as follows:

Bonds of general Sinking Fund, 1873..... \$66,200.00  
 Bonds of Special Sinking Fund, 1871..... 33,700.00

#### BONDS OF SCHOOL FUND.

State bonds of 1871..... \$13,400.00  
 State bonds of 1873..... 207,500.00  
 Florida Railroad bonds..... 9,000.00—\$229,900.00  
 One Putnam county bond..... 3,000.00  
 One Marion county bond (balance).... 21.73  
 One Gadsden county bond (in suit).... 8,000.00

#### BONDS OF SEMINARY FUND.

State bonds of 1871..... \$9,200.00  
 State bonds of 1873..... 73,300.00  
 Bonds of Florida Railroad Company.... 1,000.00—\$83,500.00  
 Bonds of Florida Central Railroad Company.... \$1,000,000.00  
 Bonds of J., P. and M. R. R. Co..... 3,000,000.00  
 Bonds of the State of South Carolina..... 1,492.45

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877.

We hereby certify, under the provisions of Chapter 9, Section 4, Laws of Florida, that we find the accounts of Charles H. Foster, late Treasurer State of Florida, during his entire term of office as such Treasurer, are regularly stated and balanced, and that the balances as appear in the foregoing statement in money, securities and other effects, have been turned over to his successor, Walter Gwynn, State Treasurer.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.  
 J. W. HOWELL,  
 W. W. WALKER,  
 E. J. ALEXANDER,  
 S. A. FLOYD.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 207:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of Crime and proceedings in Criminal Cases, approved August 6, A. D. 1868,

Was taken up.

Mr. Wallace moved to strike out "five dollars" and insert "twenty dollars."

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barnes moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until 4 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 189:

To be entitled an act in relation to Tenants,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the rule was unanimously suspended, the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, McKinnon, McMeekin and Richard—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker and Wallace—13.

So the bill did not pass.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors being opened, the Committee of Conference made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee of Conference on part of the Senate,

upon disagreement between Senate and Assembly on amendments to Assembly bill No. 193, report that they have met and conferred with a like Committee on part of the Assembly, and failed to come to an agreement as to said amendments.

Very respectfully,

A. L. MCCASKILL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate insist on its amendments, and ask for another Committee of Conference;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to pass Senate bill No. 79, to be entitled an act to provide for the final adjustment of the accounts of ex-Governor Harrison Reed, and indefinitely postponed Senate bill No. 78, to be entitled an act to authorize County Judges to register persons entitled thereto, in case of a Vacancy in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

The following report was received from the Joint Enrolling Committee:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have this day, (March the 2nd, 1877,) presented to his Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the acts named below, that said acts are properly signed, certified and endorsed, to-wit:

An act to establish a Ferry across the Apalachicola River at the Town of Chattahoochee;

An act to Incorporate the Orange Lake Rail Road Company;

An act to construct a Canal from the head waters of the Matanzas River to the head waters of the Halifax River, and for other purposes contained therein;

An act to authorize John Howard to establish a Ferry across the Chipola River in Calhoun county;

An act to prevent the wanton destruction of the nest, eggs and young of Sea Birds and Birds of Plumage in this State;

An act for the relief of Hardee Bryan;

An act to provide for the Employment of Persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts, and for other purposes;

An act to Incorporate the Hillsborough County Fruit-Growers and Agricultural Association;

An act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the heir at law of Henry J. Clifton;

An act to limit the charge of Physicians attending Coroner's Inquests;

An act to provide for the paying of the officers, guards and for provisions for the months of November and December 1875, and the year 1876;

Concurrent Resolution relating to call of Convention to revise the Constitution;

An act to Incorporate the Withlacoochee Navigation Company;

An act in relation to the Florida Agricultural College.

An act to Incorporate the Florida Internal Improvement and Construction Company;

An act to Incorporate the Sanford Telegraph Company.

Very Respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills report that



they have examined the following Assembly bills, and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

An act for the relief of J. H. Brooker.

An act to incorporate the South Florida Navigation Company.

An act to define the duties and powers of County Judges as County Courts.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act to protect Persons living on improved Public Lands in this State,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. McCaskill, indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 140:

To be entitled an act to define certain Judicial Proceedings,

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act to amend section 29 of an act entitled an act for Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17th, 1874,

Was read, and on motion indefinitely postponed.

The following Senators were appointed by the President to meet a like committee on the part of the Assembly in conference on Assembly bill No. —: Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell and Howell.

Assembly bill No. 178:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Allen O. Quinn,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Assembly bill No. 207:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the punishment of Crime, and proceedings in Criminal Cases, approved August 6, 1868,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Barnes moved to suspend the rule, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon suspending the rule the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Wallace and Walls—10.

It requiring a two-thirds vote, the Senate refused to suspend.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have this day presented to George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the acts named below and that the same are properly signed, certified and endorsed, to-wit:

An act for the relief of J. H. Brooker.

An act to incorporate the South Florida Navigation Company.

An act to define the duties and powers of County Judges as County Courts.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and compared the bills named below with the enrollment thereof and that the same are correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Assembly bill No. 97:

An act to empower the County Commissioners to make provision for the employment of prisoners confined in the County Jails.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 197:

To be entitled an act to regulate applications for remissions of Fines and Forfeitures, commutation of Punishment and grant of Pardon

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under con-

sideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, *Chm'n.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 65 :

To be entitled an act making Appropriations for the Years 1877 and 1878, with amendments thereto,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the Senate concurred in the Assembly amendments, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to pass

Senate bill No. 55 :

To be entitled an act to revive Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal Section 38, of an act to provide for the Creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their powers and liabilities, approved August 8, 1868.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 197 :

To be entitled an act to regulate applications for remission of Fines, Forfeitures, Commutations of Punishment and grant of Pardons,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Barnes moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, Johnson, McCaskill, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Orman, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 71 :

To be entitled an act to repeal the 17th section of an act entitled an act to simplify and abridge the practice, pleadings and proceedings of the courts of the State, approved February 19, 1870, and to revive the practice, pleadings and proceedings existing at the date of the passage of said act, and to provide additional rules of practice and pleadings, approved February 24th, 1873,

Was read the second time, and on motion laid on the table.

Assembly bill No. 192 :

To be entitled an act in relation to certain State bonds,

Was read the second time, and under a suspension of the rule the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 42:

To be entitled an act to provide for the redemption of Land sold for Taxes. Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Durkee moved that the Senate take a recess until 9 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate took a recess.

#### NINE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 178:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Allen O. Quinn.

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Walker and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood, Richard and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The special committee appointed to examine and inquire as to engraved Comptroller's warrants made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Special Committee of three, appointed in pursuance of the following resolution of this body, to-wit:

"That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the reception of Engraved Comptroller's Warrants by Robert H. Gamble, late Comptroller of Public Accounts, to be exchanged by him for warrants and certificates of a date prior to February

18th, 1870, and for those issued in payment of the expenses of the session of the Legislature of 1870, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, for investigation, with full powers to send for persons and papers, and to report as early as practicable the result of their investigation to this body."

Beg leave to report that they have examined the subject matter referred to them, and find from the records of the Comptroller's office that Robert H. Gamble, while Comptroller of Public Accounts, received one hundred and eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars of Engraved Comptroller's Warrants that he was authorized to exchange for written Comptroller's Warrants, Convention Scrip and Treasurer's certificates. The records further show that said Comptroller did, up to December 21st, 1870, exchange \$148,736 of this engraved scrip, leaving a balance of \$39,087 unchanged.

We also find from a record made by the Hon. C. A. Cowgill, late Comptroller, that there is outstanding, and not taken up by the Comptroller or Treasurer, unengraved Comptroller's warrants and Treasurer's certificates issued between 1868 and July 1, 1871, and subject to have been exchanged with Comptroller Gamble for engraved scrip, the sum of \$39,253.04. We further find from the evidence of T. B. Archer, and letters from the Hon. John Chain and Charles H. Walton, that there was exchanged of the engraved scrip for Comptroller's warrants the sum of \$7,121.45, made with them between the dates of March 27, 1871, and July 14, 1871, and that the Comptroller's warrants taken up by these exchanges embrace warrants that are shown by the list prepared by the Hon. C. A. Cowgill, late Comptroller, to be outstanding and unaccounted for. This appears to us very clearly from the dates, numbers and amounts and parties to whom issued.

We further find that the late Comptroller, C. A. Cowgill, made every effort to ascertain who, if any one, are in possession of any of the outstanding warrants, but failed to find a single dollar of them held by any person whatever. We also find that, on the 14th of July, 1871, all of the engraved warrants had been exchanged, as appears from the letter of the clerk of Comptroller Gamble to R. C. Parten, in reply to a letter asking for an exchange. While there is no record evidence that the engraved scrip received by Comptroller Gamble was exchanged for the Comptroller's warrants, Treasurer's certificates and Convention scrip, yet when it is seen that there is record evidence that the exchange was made up to the extent of \$148,736, and that there is parol evidence that the exchange was further made after the last date in the rec-

ord to the extent of the sum of \$7,121.45, and this of warrants that are of the numbers that cannot be discovered to be in the hands of any one, after the most diligent inquiries on the part of the late Comptroller, Cowgill, and others, together with the corresponding fact, that the aggregate amount of Comptroller's warrants, Convention scrip and Treasurer's certificates, approximates the sum of engraved warrants that Comptroller Gamble was authorized to exchange, leads us to the conclusion that the exchange was regularly made by the late Comptroller, Robert H. Gamble, and that the said warrants will never be presented for payment, and should they be so presented, the present Legislature has passed a statute which fully protects the State.

Your committee would state that they have acted in this investigation with a like committee appointed on the part of the Assembly, who have agreed upon a similar report to their house.

W. D. BARNES,  
J. C. RICHARD,  
J. H. DURKEE.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has indefinitely postponed

Senate bill No. 76 :

To be entitled an act in relation to setting out fire ; and adopted

Senate Joint Resolution relative to the custody of the Agricultural Bonds of the State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 80 :

To be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising, with amendments,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Education made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 7, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and, after a careful examination of the subject, are of the opinion that there are now ample provisions in the existing law for the accomplishment of the purposes suggested by said bill. The Board of Education of the State and county Boards of Instruction have full power as the law now stands to make such disposition of the funds placed in their hands as they may deem best for the education of the children of the State, without favor or discrimination on account of race or color ; and your committee, therefore, are of the opinion that further legislation on this subject is unnecessary.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 22, and Assembly bill No. 85,

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate without any recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Joint Enrollment Committee made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have compared the bills named below with the enrollment of the same and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

An act to revise an act to establish and maintain a State Prison, approved January 26, 1871.

An act in relation to certain State Bonds, and an act making Appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, March 2, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have examined the bills named below, and compared them with the enrollment thereof, and that the same are correctly enrolled, to-wit:

An act to provide for the organization of a Board of Health in and for the city of Jacksonville.

An act to amend sections 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 29 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee on the Destruction of Bonds made the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, March 2, 1877.

*To the Honorable Senate and Assembly  
of the State of Florida:*

The Joint Committee of the Senate and Assembly appointed to destroy certain bonds, and cancelled, written and engraved Comptroller's warrants, Treasurer's and Convention certificates and coupons, in the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, having this day destroyed by burning all the certain bonds and cancelled engraved and written Comptroller's warrants, Treasurer's and Convention certificates and coupons au-

thorized to be destroyed by act approved March 2, 1877, and have made certification in the offices of the Treasurer, and of the Comptroller, of the particular vouchers and securities so destroyed.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Ch'n.

J. W. HOWELL,

E. J. ALEXANDER,

S. A. FLOYD.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they this have day, March 1, 1877, presented to his Excellency G. F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the acts named below, and that the same were and are properly signed, and certified, and endorsed, to-wit:

An act to empower the County Commissioners to make provision for the employment of prisoners confined in the county jails.

An act to provide for the organization of a Board of Health in and for the city of Jacksonville.

An action to amend sections 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 29 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns, and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State, approved February 4th, 1869.

An act making appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878.

An act in relation to certain State bonds.

An act to revise an act to establish and maintain a State prison, approved January 26, 1871.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Barnes, chairman of the Conference Committee on Assembly bill No. 193, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 193, beg leave to report that the committee has come to the following agreement, to-wit:

That the bill be so amended as to read in section 4th, seventh line, five and a half for five, and in tenth line of said section read five for four.

They have also agreed that the Senate recede from its fourth amendment, and we recommend that the Senate adopt this report.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES, Chm'n.

Which was read

Upon the question of its adoption,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Lykes and Patterson—4.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

So the Senate refused to adopt.

Mr. McGuire moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Assembly that the Senate refused to adopt the report of the Conference Committee;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. McGuire, Barnes and Wallace were appointed said committee.

Upon the question of the adoption of the majority report of the Committee on Education, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8.

So the report was adopted.

Assembly bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act for the relief of S. C. Watkins,

Was read the second time, and, under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Wallace—15.

Nays—Messrs. Lykes and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 2, 1877.

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

The Joint Committee on Enrollment report they have ex-

amined the bills named below and compared them with the enrollment of the same and that they are correctly Enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Allen O. Quinn;

A bill to be entitled an act to Incorporate the Jacksonville and South Florida Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 80:

To be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising.

Was read the second time.

Assembly bill No. 197:

To be entitled an act to regulate applications for remission of fines and forfeitures, commutations of punishment, and grant

of pardons,

Was read the second time, the rule suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Howell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker, and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Orman and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 85:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John S. Clark,

Was read the second time and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the resolution prohibiting the introduction of new matter be hereby rescinded.

The President decided the resolution out of order.

Mr. Walls appealed from the decision of the chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, McCaskill, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—11.

So the chair was not sustained.

Upon the motion to lay on the table the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—11.

There being a tie the President voted yea.  
So the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Lykes moved to go into Executive Session;  
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Lykes,  
McCaskill, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks  
—11.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, McGuire, Mc-  
Kinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—11.

There being a tie the President voted yea.

So the Senate went into Executive Session.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following re-  
port:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have  
examined the bill named below and that they have compared  
the same with the enrollment thereof, and that the same are  
correctly enrolled:

An act for the relief of S. C. Watkins,

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they  
have this day, March 2d, presented to his Excellency George  
F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the acts named  
below, and that the said acts are properly signed, certified and  
endorsed, to-wit:

An act for the relief of Allen O. Quinn.

An act to incorporate the Jacksonville and South Florida  
Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they

have examined and find the following bill to be correctly en-  
rolled:

An act to provide for the redemption of lands sold for  
taxes.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read,

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they  
have examined the enrollment of the bill named below, and that  
the same, on comparison, is correctly enrolled:

Joint Resolution in relation to custody of Bonds belonging  
to Agricultural College.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., March 2, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they  
have examined the enrollment of the bill named below with the  
enrollment thereof, and that the same is correctly enrolled:

An act to regulate Applications for the Remission of Fines  
and Forfeitures, Commutations of Punishment and Grant of  
Pardons.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

A committee from the Assembly appeared at the bar of the  
Senate, with a request from the Assembly that the Senate re-  
cede from the Joint Resolution forbidding the introduction of  
any new business, whereupon Mr. McCaskill offered the follow-  
ing resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate accede to the proposition of the  
Assembly.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following amendment to the reso-  
lution:

"That the resolution offered by the Senator from the Second  
District should be adopted;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, McKinnon, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the amendment to the resolution was adopted.

Upon the question of the adoption of the motion of Mr. McCaskill, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace, Walls and McGuire—11.

So the motion was lost, and the President appointed the following committee to inform the Assembly of the repeal of the Senate : Senators McCaskill, Lykes and Walls.

The Committee on City and County Organizations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred a resolution declaring that the seat of government shall be and remain permanent at the city of Gainesville, beg leave to report that they have fully considered said resolution, and are of opinion that it is not advisable for this Legislature at the present time to adopt any measures looking to the permanent location of the seat of government at said city.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 167 :

To be entitled an act to secure to the purchasers and transferees and their assigns from the several railroad companies of the lands and the titles thereto granted by the United States to the State of Florida for railroad purposes, by act of Congress approved May 17, 1856,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and report it back, with the recommendation that it be passed.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 167 was taken up on its second reading.

On the question of suspending the rule for a third reading, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule.

Mr. Durkee offered the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Senate of Florida, That in consideration of the ability, uniform kindness and courtesy with which the deliberations of this body have been conducted by our Presiding officer during the present session, we hereby tender to him a unanimous vote of thanks ;*

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report that they have this day, the 2d of March, 1877, presented to the Governor, George F. Drew, the acts and joint resolutions named below, and that the same are properly signed, endorsed :

An act for the relief of S. C. Watkins.

An act to provide for the redemption of lands sold for taxes.

Joint Resolution in relation to custody of bonds belonging to Agricultural college.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Assembly :



ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 2, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has receded from its amendments to Senate bill No. 80, marked B and C.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

The hour of 12 A. M. having arrived, Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate do now adjourn *sine die*;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Lawrence D. Wall, to be Assessor of Taxes for Clay county.